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Dear Russ,

Had I not gotten your letter of the 20th today I'd have written anyway, because I had become concerned, thinking something might have befallen one of you.

I have, I hope, completed both parts of COUP with the addition of a few notes Lil has yet to retype and the completion of chapter 18 of II (dealing with Agnew in the cojtext of the King/Ray suit I am about to file and the Chimurders). I have a few notes of corrections to go over, too. Aside from a couple pages of notes and the appendix (about 85 pp as I recall), the numbered pages total 527, which is a very large book. So far, no interest in it. No black even wants to read it.

Your meeting got good attention on the radio, either WTOP (DC) or WBBM, for I heard of it while I was doing other work, probably taping part of these additions up, or corrections.

Good on the license number. I ai confident it is Herman's.

This slightly expanded explanation of Task Forces and Area 1 does not completely satisfy me. I do not believe that with the SS expecting an attempt on the President's life just any available group would be assigned to watch for, tail and capture Vallee. In other words, I am of the opinion that Groth had special functions in 1963.

Conspicuously missing in any of the FBI reporting is any interview with Schurla, him or anyone else making the arrest.

Nor do I believe that with the President due that day and Vallee, for whatever reason, the suspect, the cops would have depended upon his making an illegal turn, if he did.

Perhaps we'll eventually learn more.

Sounds like you are making a good start. Think I've read or heard of Barbara Bowen...Hope the appearance can be arranged...Tell you the rest of the Russell story when we meet again. He has reacted to something and he has not changed his opinion- he's just expressed it publicly.

Lil is working and will be until mid-Aoril. I has been no fun getting her there and back with the snows we've had drifting the lane shut. More predicted for today, but I leave to get her in about 4 hrs and it hasn't started yet.

Best to both,